

HOSTS OF "DRYS" TO HAVE MEETING

Senator Tillman to Address
Gathering Tuesday
Night.

Ministers and Temperance
Workers Are Among
Speakers.

Every Christian and temperance organization in the District of Columbia which is at all interested in the campaign for a "dry" city is getting busy, and every organization opposed to anti-liquor legislation by Congress is hard at work. The big temperance mass meeting to be held at the First Congregational Church next Tuesday evening, which was called by the federation of Christian and temperance forces to harmonize any differences which may exist between the various organizations which are working for the abolition of the saloon, is designed to bring the agitation for a dry city to a climax.

Much curiosity is being expressed as to what Senator Tillman of South Carolina, who will make the closing address, will have to say on the temperance question. The Senator had a civil war on his hands over the enforcement of the dispensary law when he was governor of his State. He hates the licensed saloon as much as he does the law-breaking corporations. While he says his talk Tuesday night will be a calm discussion of the temperance movement, particularly in his own State, his friends expect some characteristically warm utterances from the Senator.

Senator Clay to Preside.

Senator Clay of Georgia, who will preside at the meeting, will briefly discuss the prohibition movement in his own State, which has been dry for the last two weeks, and has hardly become adjusted to the changed conditions. Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas also is expected to deliver a short address on conditions in the Sunflower State.

Six-minute talks will be made by the Rev. Dr. F. D. Power, of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church; the Rev. Dr. T. M. Hare, District superintendent of the National Anti-Saloon League, and by Mrs. Margaret D. Ellis, legislative superintendent of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, or some other representative of that body.

Want Station Dry.

Protest against the granting of a liquor license for the Union Station bar will be made by the Woman's Interdenominational Missionary Union in the First Congregational Church this afternoon. This union represents 50,000 members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and the meeting promises to be a large one.

Among those expected to make forceful addresses are Representative Heflin, Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis, and Bishop Satterlee.

New Masonic Temple To Be Ready In August

Interesting Meeting Held in Colorado Building Last Night—Officers Elected for the Year—Plans Outlined.

That the new Masonic Temple will be completed by August 1, the contract time, was the assurance given by J. Henry Small, Jr., president of the Masonic Building Association, at the annual meeting of that organization in the Colorado building last night.

This statement was verified by W. B. Wood, of the architectural firm of Wood, Dunn & Deming, and Carl C. Holloway, superintendent of construction. The work on the foundation of the building, it was said, is progressing rapidly and the greater part of the steel to be used in its construction is in the city.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the re-election of J. Henry Small, president; Matthew Trimble, vice president; Thomas P. Morgan, secretary; J. A. Sample, assistant secretary, and Charles S. Hillier, assistant secretary.

The officials expressed their gratification at the honor conferred upon them, assuring the association that their best efforts will be devoted to the erection of the temple, "A building," said Mr. Small, "which will not only be a home to the 5,000 Masons of the city, but a pride to every citizen of the District of Columbia."

Lafayette Leaman, H. K. Simpson, and James B. Sample were elected as members of the auditing committee. The executive committee, consisting of S. R. Bond, Matthew Trimble, B. S. Groves, James A. Sample, H. K. Simpson, G. W. Evans, J. H. Small, Jr., and T. P. Morgan.

President Small presented his annual report, in which it is shown that at

the beginning of the year just closed the total assets of the association, not including the value of the real estate, was \$89,654.12. The total cash on hand January 1, 1908, was \$175,266.98. During the year there was expended on the construction of the temple \$38,355.96, and \$6,085 for current expenses.

The president suggested that the completion of the temple be celebrated by a house warming to continue a week.

In reviewing the work of the year mention was made of the laying of the cornerstone by President Roosevelt June 28, 1907, and of the Masonic fair, from which was realized \$40,000 and \$2,000 in stock subscriptions.

Reference was made to the deaths during the year of R. B. Donaldson, past grand master and the first president of the association; Frank H. Thomas and Allison Naylor.

Title Management.

Although personally of the opinion that the present form of management of the association building of the temple is the best that can be devised, President Small said that there are members who believe the title and management should be left to the grand lodge.

No recommendation, he said, would be made by him, but as the matter is one of great importance, it should be given careful thought and attention by the members of the order.

The operations of the year were epitomized as follows: Outlining of the financial policies; appointment of the Union Trust Company as the financial agent of the association; the award of the contract for \$34,000 to the Thompson Street Company; the holding of the fair of 1907, and the laying of the cornerstone.

Prohibition Lobby Here To Fight Liquor Power

A Prohibition lobby is the latest reform organization to be established in the National Capital.

It will be operated under the auspices of the national committee of the Prohibition party and its specific purpose will be to urge Congress to protect "dry" States from Federal pro-liquor interference. Its operations will be particularly interesting to the South, where the State prohibition movement has met with such success lately.

The bureau will be in immediate charge of Matthew E. O'Brien, of Bridgeport, Conn., who was the Prohibition party's candidate for governor of that State in the last election, and Finley C. Hendrickson, of Cumberland, Md.

MERRITT CHANCE SLATED TO SUCCEED E. G. TIMME

Early announcement of an appointment to fill the vacancy in the office of Auditor for the Postoffice Department, to succeed E. G. Timme, of Wisconsin, is expected.

Merritt O. Chance, of Ohio, now chief clerk of the Postoffice Department, is slated for the place. President Roosevelt is expected to send this appointment to the Senate this week.

The selection of Mr. Chance will mean that the candidates of three Presidential aspirants have been turned down, those of La Follette, Foraker, and Fairbanks. Mr. Chance is well known in Washington. He was formerly private secretary to Secretary Root.

JAMESTOWN FAIR ATTACKED IN SUIT

Second Mortgage Bondholders Claim Interests Are Overlooked.

Question Legality of Some Bonds and Position of Two Trustees.

That the officials of the Jamestown Exposition Company are face to face with imminent danger of losing control of the foreclosure litigation now pending in Norfolk, Va., and of having the second mortgage bondholders gain the control that the officials are seeking, became known here last night.

Furthermore, it leaked out that these second mortgage bondholders, through their counsel, Thomas Wall Shelton, of Norfolk, are making sensational and ugly charges against the officials of the company.

Counsel for the bondholders has been proceeding very quietly, so quietly, in fact, that it only became known yesterday that on the day after Christmas Mr. Shelton, of Norfolk, representing among others the William H. Horstmann Company, of Philadelphia, appeared before United States Judge Waddill in Richmond and filed a petition for leave to file a bill of intervention, this being the proper procedure in order to allow bondholders, not parties, to come into a suit of this character.

Fight Opens in Week.

Judge Waddill allowed the petition to be filed and set January 18, at Norfolk, as the date on which argument will be heard. It is a foregone conclusion that the exposition officials will make a bitter fight to retain control of the litigation.

The bill of intervention, filed with the petition, is said by those who have seen it to be an interesting document.

The bill alleges that the mortgage is a lien upon all personal property, including unpaid subscriptions to stock and dues of exhibitors for space; that the personal property has been sold and not accounted for as provided by the mortgage and that no funds arising from payments by exhibitors have been deposited. The bill prays that all persons buying this personal property be brought into court.

The bill further charges that when the second mortgage went to record June 18, the rights of persons secured thereunder became fixed and that the exposition after that time had no right to dispose of any of the assets for any purpose whatsoever; that the bonds secured in the first mortgage could not be used for any other purpose than that named therein, and particularly not for the purpose of creating a preference to other persons secured under the second mortgage, the company at the time being insolvent.

It appears from this that the court will be required to construe the first mortgage, and, in addition, will have to pass upon the conduct of the officials of the exposition company regarding this prior mortgage. A very interesting point is that the second mortgage transferred "all other personal property of every sort, not included in the above description." It is claimed that the unpaid subscriptions to the capital stock is such "other personal property not described."

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Attack First Mortgage Bonds.

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VAN DYCK PICTURE BRINGS TEN CENTS

Lost Painting Purchased in Pile of Old Lumber From Nunnery.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 11.—A Van Dyck portrait which was lost for many years, and which on reappearing in the market was bought for 10 cents, is the artistic sensation of the day in Belgium. It is a portrait of the artist's sister, Antoine, in the garb of a nun. Antoine Van Dyck presented the portrait to the convent which she entered near Wascumsters the convent was destroyed and the picture disappeared.

The other day an auction sale of old lumber was held at Wiscumsters, and included in the goods sold was a lot of old timber from the cloisters of the ruined nunnery. This lot was bought by a local lawyer, who gave 10 cents for it.

One piece of wood he found was covered with painted but very dirty canvas, which, being cleaned, proved to be the lost portrait of Van Dyck's sister. Although the picture was greatly damaged and torn, the face is unharmed, and, with careful repairs, the picture will be fit to exhibit as a Van Dyck masterpiece. The lucky owner has been inundated with offers of big sums for the picture.

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FUCHS PORTRAITS PLACED ON VIEW

Exhibition at Corcoran Art Gallery to Last a Week.

The exhibition of portraits by Emil Fuchs was placed on view at the Corcoran Gallery of Art yesterday and will remain the special attraction there all this week.

More than the ordinary amount of attention was centered in this exhibition because of the interest aroused by Mr. Fuchs' portraits among those who have seen single examples of his work, as well as that occasioned by the special exhibition of his portraits last year in Knoedler's gallery, New York.

Defying the old superstition, Mr. Fuchs has hung just thirteen portraits. Eleven are of women. The most notable of these is one of Miss Marjorie Gould.

The two men portrayed are Mr. Henry Wolf, the wood engraver, and Mr. Sidney Smith. The artist has shown Mr. Smith seated in a lounging attitude on the corner of a table holding a lighted cigarette in his hand.

In contrast with a suggestion of relaxation and repose found in this portrait Mr. Wolf is portrayed at his work with a block which is supposed to be engraving in his hand.

Still another attractive portrait is that which is merely called "A Little Girl."

claiming they were irregularly issued, and that the second mortgage is a first lien on all personal property of every kind and class, including all debts owing the exposition company, and is a second mortgage on real estate of the company after the bonds in the first mortgage have been paid; that it comes in ahead of all judgments and mechanics' liens, except the particular buildings against which they were filed.

Decidedly the most interesting part of the bill is that which alleges that the trustees, Theodore Wool and O. D. Batchelder, are ineligible because they represent interests hostile to the bondholders, being solicitors for the company in the litigation. The situation is claimed to be equivalent to that of the lawyer who seeks to represent plaintiff and defendant in the same suit.

COLLECTING HIS DUE.

A New Hampshire man tells of a tight-fisted man of affairs in a town of that State who until recently had never been observed to take an interest in church matters. Suddenly, however, he became a regular attendant at divine service, greatly to the astonishment of his fellow-townsmen.

"What do you think of the case of old Ketchum?" said one of the business men of the place to a friend. "Is it true that he has got religion?"

"Well, hardly," replied the other. "The fact is, it's entirely a matter of business with him. I am in a position to know that about a year ago he loaned the pastor \$50, which the latter was unable to pay. So there remained nothing for Ketchum but to take it out in pew rent."—Exchange.

SUFFRAGE MEETINGS STOPPED IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Jan. 11.—The police repressed the demonstration for Prussian manhood suffrage with the strong hand today. Warned by yesterday's outbreak, accompanying Chancellor von Buelow's defiant attitude, and the Prussian parliament's rejection of the demand, the authorities allowed no gatherings, and every attempt at a demonstration was nipped in the bud.

The Socialistic-Democratic leaders say they consider the chancellor's utterances a declaration of war. The controversy is over the refusal of the government to abolish the property qualification for suffrage.

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